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SPEAKERS:



Kathleen McBride- [Voice 21](#)



Laura Knight- [Sapio](#)



Adam Wright- [Chimp Management](#)

Tuesday 3 September 2024

Select Car Leasing Stadium, Reading

ORDER OF THE DAY:

08.45 Welcome and Refreshments

09.00 Session 1

12.00 Lunch

13.00 Session 2

15.00 End of Conference



Kathleen McBride- Voice 21



As a senior member of Voice 21's Learning and Impact team, Kathleen has a wealth of experience in oracy implementation at whole school level. Kathleen leads on projects that develop a deeper understanding of the impact of oracy across a range of contexts. Recent work includes a DfE funded project exploring oracy in the Early Years, an investigation into how oracy supports social and emotional regulation and perceptions of self in alternative provision, and working along NCETM to establish a shared understanding of the role of oracy in mathematics education. Kathleen also led Voice 21's Voicing Vocabulary project, establishing an oracy-centred approach to developing vocabulary at the transition from primary to secondary.

Introducing Oracy

Join Voice 21's Kathleen McBride for an interactive session exploring what oracy education is and how it supports learning in every phase across the curriculum. In this session, you will be introduced to both the big ideas around oracy education and a range of practical take-aways to support you in your implementation of a talk-rich approach in the classroom.



Laura Knight- Sapio



Laura Knight MEd PGCE BA(Hons) FCCT FRSA CMgr
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Laura Knight is Founder of Sapio Ltd, a consultancy specialising in digital strategy and innovation. She was previously Director of Digital Learning at Berkhamsted School (2013 – 2024) and worked as a teacher for twenty years across both the maintained and independent sectors.

Laura is an expert in digital innovation: artificial intelligence, leading the strategic development of technology for teaching and learning, 1-1 devices, staff training in digital skills, digital wellbeing, and online safeguarding.

Laura is a disruptive thinker, international keynote speaker, coach, and consultant, and is passionate about creative problem-solving. She supports leaders in schools, universities, and commercial organisations with exploring the art of the possible, and leverages technology to transform outcomes, systems, and teams. Her new book *The Little Guide for Teachers on Generative AI* will be published by Sage in the autumn.

Laura works with a number of advisory boards including for EDUtech Europe, the Good Future Foundation, Bridge the Gap, the Practitioners' Panel for AI in Education and the Independent Schools Council Digital Advisory Group. She also works as a consultant and provides expert inputs to international governments, edtech companies, and schools' groups on digital strategy and educational policy, and provides training and input for leadership associations such as the Independent Schools Association, the Independent Schools Teaching Induction Panel, the Society of Heads, and the Independent Schools' Bursars' Association.

[Future School: The Educator's Guide to Artificial Intelligence in Education](#)

In this insightful, informative and provocative keynote, Laura Knight will address some of the questions, challenges, and opportunities posed by artificial intelligence for education. From the philosophical to the practical, Laura will explore how teachers and leaders can harness the innovative possibilities Ai offers, while dispelling myths, anticipating pitfalls, and promoting an ethical and principled approach which aligns with school culture and values.



Adam Wright

Chimp Management



Adam is a warm, friendly, and down to earth person who brings over 20 years of specialist expertise and experience working in a variety of settings, which include business, education, and healthcare.

He has built a reputation for delivering engaging, informative, and inspirational keynote presentations to audiences of all sizes. Alongside this he specialises in working with Directors and Senior Leaders from organisations of all sizes, helping them to develop their leadership confidence and capabilities.

In his work with individual clients, Adam creates a supportive, encouraging, yet challenging environment so they can optimise how they use their minds more effectively to reach the ambitions and aspirations they have for themselves both personally and professionally.

Understanding and working with the mind and the mind of students, to get the best out of yourself and help students get the best out of themselves.

Chimp Management was founded by Professor Steve Peters to help people get the best out of themselves and others by understanding the workings of their mind. Our approach is grounded in neuroscience, translated in a practical and relatable way through our groundbreaking mind management model – The Chimp Model.

The body and mind represent two of our greatest assets. A healthy lifestyle can optimise the body; but how do you optimise your mind? Are you managing yourself around people and situations in the way that you want to? Why do we sometimes get overwhelmed with emotions; or have thoughts, feelings or do things that we later regret? This session uses neuroscience and The Chimp Model, our powerful mind management model, to offer explanations for these questions and to help you develop personal insights and practical approaches to optimise the performance of your mind. The session will also offer insights into the neuroscience of the developing mind, which will help staff to develop understanding into how best they can support the psychological development of the children they interact with.